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The Tarantula

By CAPTAIN A. C. TOWNSEND

LO I look like old man Easy Mark?" demanded the Old Timer. His white mustaches fairly bristled with indignation as he cast his eyes over the group sprawled at ease in his living room.

"I shudder with grief over the fate of anyone who tackled you under that impression," grinned Charley Myers. "Why, Old Timer? Someone been trying to sell you some wooden lemons?"

"Any of you fellows know how far a tarantula can jump?" demanded the Old Timer, ignoring Myers' question.

"About two feet," promptly replied Ed Roberts. "People used to think it was much more, but some professors made a test of the matter and found that out. Why?"

"While I was in Texas, the time I told you about, I saw one jump sixteen feet, and—" He was interrupted by derisive cries and laughter. He waited a moment and then with a ghost of a smile went on: "And, as I was about to say when you ignoramuses had to show your ears again, he ruined his future usefulness by landing in a flourishing cactus and hanging himself up to dry on the spikes. You see, he jumped off of a side hill where I had him cornered."

After another laugh at Ed's expense one of the gang said, "May I respectfully ask what that interesting natural history lesson has to do with what you started on? Something about your looking like a Come-On, I believe. We simply want to gather the connection, if any, you understand."

"It has plenty," said the Old Timer without a smile. "I been picked up both as a Come-On and as having no morals, and tonight I'm hoping to show you fellows

how far a tarantula can jump." He walked over to the mantel and from behind a clock drew a large packet of bills, which he threw on the table before their surprised eyes.

One of the gang reached over and ruffled the edges of the bills and there were several exclamations, for there was much money there. They did no joking, for it was evident from the Old Timer's expression that the matter was a serious one, and they waited in silence for him to speak again.

"Now look at these." He took an envelope from his pocket and shook out on the table a number of cancelled copies of the 1c 1851 and 1857. "See anything wrong with those?" he asked. "Take the glass and look at 'em carefully, paper and all."

They crowded around and the stamps were given a minute investigation. Finally Myers spoke for the bunch, he being the one most familiar with the stamps and their types. "Good as gold, I'd say; nearly every type, perf. and imperf., and the paper seems perfect to me. You don't mean they are phony?"

"Fellow that gave 'em to me said they were. He gave 'em to me, I said—and I didn't give him anything in return this time. Said he made 'em and could make plenty more."

"Jumping Jehosephat!" exclaimed Myers. He closely examined the stamps again, leaned back with astonishment on his face and said, "I'd swear in court they are genuine!"

"So I thought," grinned the Old Timer. "Now wait, now wait! Give me time and I'll tell you about them. You fellows have a little treat ahead of you tonight. That's why I said to be sure to come early so you could read the libretto be-

fore the curtain goes up and know what the play is about. Don't interrupt me now. The curtain goes up at nine and I've got to hurry."

A stranger came into my office about two months ago (he went on) and said he had heard of me being a collector of old U. S., so while he was up from St. Louis he came in to get acquainted. I made him welcome, of course, and after a bit he said he had a pretty fine lot of these stamps, and would I like to see 'em and maybe buy 'em. I said sure and he said he didn't have 'em with him but would be back in about a week.

He came back, and then he sprung this lot of stamps on me, 18 of 'em. Talked kinder funny when I spoke of price and I began to prick up my ears. Finally I asked if he had any more and he hesitates a little and says "Right now, no, but I can get plenty more I think. How would you like to have a lot of 'em and control the source of supply?" I licked my lips a little and told him I sure would like it, but maybe the price would be too rich for my blood. We give and take a while and at last he decides he has me hooked, and he comes out and tells me they are all fakes. Says he made the different dyes and can make all the stamps he wants.

I jumped him about the paper and the cancellations and he tells me he is a printer and that several years ago he had run across a lot of the old paper and has enough to make about ten thousand stamps. Says he makes the ink and cancelling ink himself. I put the glass on the paper and it sure looks all right, so I act hungry and tell him to get down to business.

So then he says he has put in about five years work on the dies, ink, cancellations and a perforating machine for the 1857s, and will

sell me the whole business for \$10,000. And he'll introduce me to a printer friend here I can trust and he will do the work for me, with me watching him all the time.

I get to looking at the stamps again, trying to find a weak spot, and he says, "Of course you want to make sure they are perfect, like I say. You are welcome to those, and you submit them to all the experts you want. When you are dead sure they'll fool the best of 'em, drop me a line at this address and I'll come up and we'll deal." And he pulls out.

I get Jacobs to look at the stamps, and he says O. K. and wants to buy some of 'em. Then I send them to Ashbrook and he swears they are all right! Then I put my feet up and try to think out the plot. Both experts say the stamps are genuine, yet this fellow gave 'em to me like so much waste paper. Then I remember how they counterfeit bills so well they fool the bank experts, and I decide it is a little over my head, so I send for Markham, the philatelic detective.

Markham says if Jacobs and Ashbrook say the stamps are good they are good, so what's the game? He asks a lot of questions and then he skips out for St. Louis and comes back and says the address the fellow gave is a private house with folks of another name living in it—probably in cahoots with this fellow—and that he has no printing office in St. Louis.

Markham thinks he sees the game, but won't tell me until he is sure he is right. Says to write the fellow to come up, try to beat him down on the price, and then see just what proposition he makes. So I write him and in he comes. Wants to know if I am satisfied. I tell him yes, except for the price. He says ten thousand is bottom, and that I can make five or ten times that much in a few years by working off the stamps slowly, which he can't do, is why he will sell at all.

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I'm puzzled, but I go back and spring it and the fellow says no. Says in going over the dies he had found two with defects where he had dropped them, and is making them over, so he'll bring the other stuff first and the dies next Friday. So we let it go at that.

The Old Timer had been watching the clock "Now you fellows go back in the dining room and enjoy yourselves," he said. "You'll find five headstalls there so you can all hear what goes on, and maybe you'll know how far a tarantula can jump before we get through."

They sat in the dining room in tense excitement until the bell rang. Then they hastily adjusted the headstalls and listened intently. They heard the exchange of greetings, the sound of a heavy package laid on the table, then clearly the opening of it, the explanation of how to use the perforating machine, and then the talk of the cans of ink. "I made this myself, of course," said the strange voice. "Here are a few more stamps I struck off with it. Look at them with your glass and be sure they are perfect in color and all."

"They sure are perfect," said the Old Timer's voice after a minute. "You give these to me, same as you did the first lot?" "Certainly," said the other voice. "You get everything. I'm not keeping a stamp or a scrap of the paper. By the way, I forgot the paper in some way. I'll bring it with the dies next Friday, and Saturday morning I'll take you to my printer friend who is to do the work for you."

"Well," said the Old Timer's voice, "I reckon our deal is about over. Here is the five thousand. Right? Well, then, let's wind things up. Say, ever see how far a tarantula can jump?"

"Why, no," said the other voice, in evident surprise. "What is a tarantula? Sort of a poison spider, isn't it?"

"Exactly," said the Old Timer, dryly, "and the description fits you to a T. Come on in, Markham."

The men in the dining room jumped and glanced at each other in huge delight, as the Old Timer's voice went on "Meet Mr. Markham, the philatelic detective,

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A little later the plot was explained by Markham. "He never had any dies or old paper. He simply bought a nice lot of the stamps and went looking for a sucker. He never would have come back the second time, of course, but would have been over four thousand dollars ahead on his scheme. As it turned out, our friend is ahead a pretty nice lot of stamps. Clever idea, offering genuine stamps as home made, and letting them be submitted to experts!"

"Well," grinned the Old Timer, his good humor now fully restored, "these boys have been wild to meet you, Markham. Now they're happy. I'll just give them each one of these nice stamps to remember the meeting by. And Ed, while the sandwiches and things are being gotten ready, you go out and count the steps down to the first landing. You'll remember in future how far a tarantula can jump—with assistance."

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A newspaper clipping at hand tells of the interest in stamps that has been brought about by the work of the Art Museum in Springfield, Mass. Over 1400 children of Springfield have been interested in various activities sponsored by the Museum. One of the subjects is stamp collecting and a club recently formed and directed by Miss Williamson has over 25 members.

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EDITED BY

RAY SHEPARD, 1529 DUXBERRY AVE., COLUMBUS, O.

UNITED STATES—The coming Yorktown is to be issued October 19th. As has been the custom the initial order is for twenty-five million.

The Philadelphia Mint is at present engraving a die to be used in connection with the new bi-centennial envelope, 2c variety, showing a view of Mt. Vernon. There is to be a double line border around a rectangular design, with corners curved showing date of Washington's birth, together with the anniversary date. At present, only the 2c envelope has been decided upon, but there is a possibility of other denominations being issued in similar design, in the colors of the present varieties.

The ½c, 2c, 3c, 7c and 8c of the Washington bi-centenary stamps have been approved and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is proceeding with the completion of the work. No information is available as yet as to the details of design.

(Philip Ward, Jr., in Mekeel's)

CANADA—The change in postal rates means a new 3c stamp in red and a return to the 1c yellow and 2c green.

(Emco Monthly Journal)

LEBANON—Marks Stamp Co., reports finding two copies of No. 88, with the "R" of "Republique" omitted. Gibbons lists a similar variety for No. 90.

(Emco Monthly Journal)

NICARAGUA—Marks Stamp Co., also reports receiving an unrecorded bisect of No. 521, on a bona-fide business cover mailed from Leon, May 22nd, by an Insurance Company to its Canadian headquarters.

(Emco Monthly Journal)

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(Ralph A. Kimble)

INTERVIEWS WITH STAMP
PORTRAITS

By Capt. A. C. Townsend

Mr. Harding, how do you like your picture on our current stamps? The Editor of Linn's Weekly Stamp News has sent me to ask you about it.

Another interview? I thought I was through with them. However, I am free to say that I was greatly touched and pleased over the 2c black that was gotten out in my memory, and I like the 1½c stamp also. It throws me into the company of several of our great men of the past, as we travel about on packages, and we have some jolly times. Just the other day Ben Franklin and I were taking a trip together and he told me what he wittily called a "beau jest" of two travelling salesmen—However, we will not go into that. Any other question?

Yes, Mr. President. Which of your portraits on the 1½c stamp do you prefer?

The side view, de-sideedly. (Please see that your typesetter does not spoil that joke.) The side view, my boy. I was rather fond of asides and side glances. However, we will not go into that, either.

Anything further, Mr. Harding?


No, I believe not. I was on a package recently with Pres. Monroe and the cork of the bottle we were carrying leaked a little, and we—You understand? Mr. Monroe told me a clever society story of his day, but I am quite sure it would not be printed in these modern days, so we will close the interview. Just say for me that I am greatly pleased that my country again reposes enough confidence in me to allow me to carry the mail, and that I shall never betray that trust.

Robert Richardson got a number of covers from the first day of the U. S. S. Augusta which should have been cancelled February 7, 1931. The covers were with Pulaski stamps and it has now been noted that these covers were dated 1930 instead of 1931.

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RED CROSS PLATE NUMBERS

By Ralph A. Kimble

Chapter VII

The big news this week is that four entirely new plate numbers have been reported, making a total of twenty-four black plates and twenty red plates known to have been used thus far. The second fifty million of these stamps has evidently been printed at least in part, and the new plates are starting to be used. If you are keeping your files of Linn's Weekly (as I hope you are) you can refer to my article in the June 4th number. Here was listed all plates which have been prepared for the Red Cross stamp, both those used and those which up to that time had not been used.

Furthermore, we have had reported two more of the three missing ones mentioned last week, or a total of 399 of the possible 400 on the original list. Of course with these four new black plates there are possible an additional 80 combinations if they are used with all the known twenty red plates, so our hunt is broadened to 480 varieties instead of 400.

Here are the new ones reported since last week:

Black	Red
20457	20502
20469	20500
*20514	20446-91-2-6-9-502
*20515	20491-6-7-8-9-500-2
*20516	20445-89-90-2-6-7-8-9-501-2
*20525	20493-6-7-9-500-2

Plates marked with a star above are reported for the first time as having been used. The indications are that they were used with all twenty of the red plates, making a total of 80 new combinations. Of these we have listed above 29, leaving 51 yet to be reported. Who will be first in with the news?

There is still one combination of the old original 400 that has never been reported. That is 20468-20501. Has anyone seen it? The situation as it stands today then is this: twenty-four black plates have been sent to press. Twenty red ones have also been used. That makes a possible total of 480 different number combinations. Of these we have had reported (including the above list) 420 leaving 60 combinations yet to be reported. Fifty-nine of these are combinations using the four starred black plates above. The odd one we mentioned in this paragraph.

Now just another bit of news: in all probability there will be still another four black plates and probably eight more red plates used. These were mentioned in our June 4th list. Be on the watch for them and write in to me whenever you see a new combination.

One minor variety has been reported. It is a scratch clear across the face of the stamp from right to left on the 46th stamp on the left pane of black plate No. 20437. Has anyone else seen this? Mr. D. W. Mellen, Jr., is credited with the report.

This department has created a vast amount of interest judging from the hundreds of letters we have received, and it is evident how much we can help each other through such cooperation. In no other way would we ever get a complete record of these numbers, or know what ones had ever been used. Keep the good work up! Here is the Honor Roll of contributors the past week:

Edwin Anderson, Mrs. R. R. Arps, John A. Brown, Jr., George S. Chapman, Rev. W. B. DeChant, F. B. Densmore, N. E. Durea, E. L. Fosburg, Mrs. R. A. Gieringer, Miss Vallie Mae Harris, Walter Humphreys, A. E. Krulemann, A. W. Line, D. W. Mellen, Jr., R. H. Moore, P. A. Rauschenberg, Robert Shank, R. H. Stephens, W. H. Wilson, Jr. Send all new information to the writer of these articles: Ralph A. Kimble, 8118 Dante Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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The youth, a stamp lover with insufficient finances to make it possible for him to buy an expensive collection, was connected with many thefts of rare stamps in the city, police declared.

Amateur detective work by Paul W. Savage, newspaper photographer, was responsible for the identification of the suspected thief and the recovery of the stamps.

One stamp alone was worth \$85, police said.

Investigation into the stolen stamp racket in Worcester and the recovery of hundreds of dollars worth of stamps was due to the suspicions of Savage, who is an authority on valuable stamps.

Savage, viewing the collection of a friend several days ago, was surprised to find an almost extinct stamp, an excellent specimen, in the latter's collection.

Savage went to the Worcester Historical Society's collection, where the only one of this type he

knew about was in the association's collection, and found it missing. He also discovered that a quantity of others were missing from the historical society's safe.

Checking up, he learned from the friend where it had been bought, and the detectives, called into the case today, picked up the young collector.

Police learned that other thefts had been committed in the city recently in addition to those at the historical society.

A collection in the hands of a downtown bank had been looted of some stamps, and other stamps had been stolen from the American Antiquarian Society.

Several weeks ago, it was learned, the same youngster "lifted" three stamps from the latter association and was picked up at a bank where he was trying to make a sale. At that time the society decided not to prosecute, being satisfied at the return of the property.

The student's method had been according to the police, to represent himself as a collector desiring to look over the stamps. At a time when no one would be observing him, he helped himself to rare and precious stamps.

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I'LL TELL YOU WHY Every now and then something is written that is worthy of second notice. The item below is taken from the Inland Printer which publication credits it to the Bridgeport (Conn.) Post. In reprinting it we have taken the liberty of making it applicable to the stamp trade and it will bear reading a couple times.

I'LL TELL YOU WHY

My son, there is nothing so mysteriously funny as an advertisement. The prime, first, last, and all-the-time object of an advertisement is to draw custom. It is not, was not, and never will be designed for any other human purpose. So the stamp dealer waits till the busy season comes and his mail is so full of orders that he can't get his hat off, and then he rushes in advertising copy to all the stamp papers and goes in for plenty advertising.

When the dull season comes along and there is little trade and he wants to sell his goods so badly he can't pay his rent, he stops advertising. That is, some of them do, but occasionally a levelheaded stamp dealer does more advertising and scoops in all the business, while his competitors are making mortgages to pay the electric light bill.

There are times when you could not stop collectors from buying everything in your shop if you planted a cannon behind the door, and that's the time the advertisement is sent out upon its mission. It makes light work for the advertising, for a chalk sign on the sidewalk could do all that was needed and have a half-holiday six days in the week; but who wants to favor an advertisement? They are built to do hard work, and should be sent out in the dull days when a collector has to be knocked down with hard facts, and kicked insensible with bankrupt reductions and dragged in with irresistible slaughter of prices and other inducements before he will spend a cent.

That's the aim and end of advertising, my son, and if you ever start in the stamp business don't try to get them to come when your mail is so heavy it takes an extra carrier to serve you, but give them your advertisement right between the eyes in the dull season, and you will wax rich and own a fast horse, and perhaps be able to smoke a good cigar once or twice a year.

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Linn's Weekly Stamp News wants to wish the venture success, yet, knowing something about the printing business and something about the publishing business as well as something about the stamp business, we can only stand by and wait, to see if the backers of this proposition are able to put it across. Any attempt on our part at a frank discussion of the matter would not help the situation and we have no desire to be accused of throwing wrenches.

DO THEY WANT IT One thought that comes to our mind in the first consideration of a dealer's publication is, "do they want it". This we know can be answered in both the negative and the affirmative. There are certain dealers who want such a publication for strictly business reasons while there are dealers who for the same reasons, probably do not want such a publication.

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Doubtless both classes of dealers would benefit most by closely restricting the distribution of wholesale prices and making every attempt to keep the quotations strictly in the hands of legitimate dealers. As much as we believe this would be beneficial in the long run, we do not believe that such a situation will ever become the rule in the stamp trade.

RED CROSS INVERT

An over enthusiastic individual or possibly a joker submitted a Red Cross stamp, stating that it was with inverted cross. While gazing at the stamp in question, trying to think of what reason the owner might have for thinking it an invert cross, the thought came to mind as to how one could tell an inverted red cross if it actually appeared.

It must be recognized that already this red cross has been found floating all over the upper left corner of the stamp, approaching as low down as to rest in the palm of the nurse and so far to the right as to cover part of her face. If an invert should occur it should place the cross in the lower right corner of the stamp, yet even with the cross in this position it would not necessarily be an invert. The cross as it is with four equal sides, could be in any position on the stamp due to improper register and yet not be inverted.

The only proof of an invert will have to be found in the inversion of the plate numbers and other marks on the margins of the sheets, therefore if fortune smiles on you with a sheet of invert Red Crosses, best be careful about tearing them apart until the stamps can be separated in the presence of witnesses and a pedigree applied to each copy in order that it may for all time be recognized as an invert.

If Mr. J. A. Potter will send me his address, I shall be glad to send him the S. W. Africa stamps he ordered. Frederick P. Proessel, Box 7120, Elkins Park, Pa.

Buro Prints

Information regarding new issues and notes of interest should be sent direct to the Editor of this column.

C. C. WEBER Editor
5008 Bridge Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

New Haven, Conn. ord. 1½c FV

The above reported by Dr. Mitchell who is anxious to receive your opinions on the price method for Buro Prints. In the 8th Buro Catalog you will find a sort of ballot. Mark it up and send it in to the catalog editor.

We have a few results of Lawrence Bros. Sale of June 18th. These sales while always having some fine buro lots are general in nature, and we find U. S. material holding up well. State overprint precancels brought catalog or better, A general collection of 14,721 varieties, mounted in 5 albums brought \$360.00. The buros;—

Sacramento coils in single	
and pairs complete	\$1.45
Peru B7 1½ coil pair	1.35
Athol error	7.25
Athol error (duplicate lot)	7.10
Liberty coil 1c (clipped one side)	9.10
Oklahoma City No. 1 in a block	66.50

We hope to have some data on the experimentals in this sale by next week.

Coil pair and block collectors are making their efforts felt in the buro field as we check some of these prices in the new No. 8 catalog.

Los Angeles 1½c P10	\$.35	\$1.00
Los Angeles 1½c comp.	.50	2.00
San Francisco 1½c P10	.75	1.50
San Francisco 1½c comp.	1.00	2.00
New Haven 1½c comp.	2.00	5.00
Was., D. C. 1½c comp.	1.25	2.00
Chicago 1½c P10	.15	.50
Chicago 1½c comp.	.15	.40
Indianapolis 1c comp.	.50	2.50
Indianapolis 1½c comp.	1.00	5.00
South Bend 1c comp.	1.50	5.00
Des Moines 1½ comp.	.35	1.00
New Orleans 6c P10	1.25	4.00
Lansing 1c comp.	5.00	10.00
Minneapolis 1½c coil pr.	.25	1.00
St. Paul 1½ comp.	1.00	7.50
Kansas City 1c comp.	.30	2.00
Kansas City 10c comp.	1.25	3.75
Bloomfield 2c coil pair	3.00	10.00
Columbus 2c comp.	12.50	25.00
Oklahoma City the No. 1	50.00	75.00
Pawtucket 1½c P10	7.50	15.00
Dallas 1½c comp.	5.00	10.00
Wheeling 1½c P10	5.00	10.00
Wheeling 1½c comp.	.50	1.50
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This department belongs to our readers and we ask you to send all information received to the Editor as soon as possible and same will be acknowledged

National Air Mail Races

This annual aviation event will be held at Cleveland, Ohio, from August 29th to Sept. 7th and as the event always brings appropriate cachets and markings, it is not too early to plan for obtaining your covers from same.

Mark C. Emsley is the Director of Cachets, 1931 Air Races, Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio, and he has arranged to take care of all collectors desires as follows;

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sight of the Winnie May and the gallant fliers who accomplished the greatest feat of the year. When they landed at Cleveland cacheted covers were mailed and we thank friend Harry Aaron for remembering us, also Washington Merchants & Manufacturers Assn. supplied one for the welcome in that city. But why didn't some one in the big city of New York have time to do likewise. On their Tour of the country there will likely be cachets in nearly every city which they visit; but this will probably come on such short notice that we cannot give you their schedule or at least the first part of it, so we suggest that you carefully watch the newspapers, for this information and send your covers to the Chambers of Commerce of the various cities. Then if you have a chance to buy one they carried on their historical flight, to mount with those of the tour; together with newspapers, photos and clippings, you will have a very interesting album full of mementos of this wonderful flight.

New A. M. Extensions

Wires from Mr. Glover, today, (July 6th) advise that effective July 20th A. M. 2, Chicago to St. Louis will be extended to Memphis, Tenn. and that the postmaster at that city will be furnished with a suitable cachet; also that on July 20th A. M. 1, Boston to New York, will be extended to Bangor, Maine, via. Portland, Maine, and that special cachets would be furnished to the P. M.s at Bangor and Portland. Sorry we could not get this information any sooner. All of which indicates that every collector should keep in touch with local postmasters for the many extensions coming this summer, and read the Postal Bulletin which every postmaster receives, so that you will not lose out on the many official covers now coming through. Announcement was made July 1st that Atlantic City would be embraced for supply on A. M. 19 on July 10th but we couldn't get that to you either.

Canada Air Mail Postage

Official Notice from the Post Office Department states that on and after July 1st, 1931, the Canada Air Mail Postage rate is Six Cents; for the 1st ounce; and Ten Cents for each succeeding ounce. Those of you who are sending covers for Vancouver-Victoria route,

must remember this, and be sure to send enough to cover that rate, instead of Five cents the former postage rate. If you have already sent in covers at the old rate, hurry along the additional charges.

Coming Events

The new hangar and air field at Kenosha, Wis. will be dedicated the fore part of August and cachet is assured. Send covers to Jeanette Sphar, 7833-27th Ave. that city.

Rutland, Vermont, airfield dedication and air meet, early in August. Send covers to L. E. Shore, 49 Forest Street.

Bisbee, Arizona, will celebrate its 50th Anniversary, with an Air-field Dedication and air meet on August 1-2-3 and a cachet will be applied in different color each day. Send covers unstuffed and unsealed to J. M. Kobey, Secretary of Chamber of Commerce.

If and when the DO-X visits Washington, D. C. on its flight to the U. S. the Merchants & Manufacturers Assn. of that city will sponsor a cachet in commemoration thereof. Send covers only to M. S. Petty, 617 Kennedy St., N. W.

August 9th, 1931, the "DeWitt Clinton" was the first train to carry passengers from Schenectady to Albany, a distance of 17 miles, and 100 years later on August 9th, 1931, Schenectady, N. Y. the home of the American Locomotive Works, together with many connected with the industry will celebrate this Centennial of Railroad. The Stamp Club of that city and probably others will sponsor cachets for air mail. Send covers to C. A. Kilfoile, Chairman, 149 Furman Street.

Richard Stewart advises that covers mailed to him at South Bend, for the Indiana Air Tour, were

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mailed when the Trans-Canada Air Pageant visited that city on July 6th and a good cachet was used.

Covers Received

From the Rotary International Convention at Vienna, Austria, franked with complete set of the special overprinted stamps, showing the wheel of the service club, and special postmarks of a similar design, used in the convention hall.

During the Northwest Air Tour, Nampa, Idaho, dedicated its airfield on June 29th, Klamath Falls, Idaho, on July 1st and Albany, Oregon, on July 2nd all of these cities using very appropriate cachets. Thanks to E. M. Brower for copies of each of them.

Monroe, La. went on A. M. 33, July 1st using a circular cachet showing Fort Miro; and on the same day Abilene, Texas, received service and used a good cachet showing man on horseback.

The Michigan Stamp Club held its 400th Meeting at Amherstburg, Ont. on July 4th and Henry Hedrick favors me with covers mailed at that city, with a printed cachet thereon.

When Monroe, La. went on 33, the east bound plane took 125.4 lbs. of mail from Salmon Field, and the west bound plane, piloted by Joe Glass carried 108 lbs. of mail from that city, in all some 16,000 pieces of mail.

Wonderland Bill (Elliott) World's Champion Hitch-Hiker and curio dealer of Findlay, Ohio, hiked from that city on July 4th to Windsor, Ont., arriving July 6th and sends me a very interesting cover of this foot-flight.

For the welcome of Post and Gatty by the President, 276 covers were mailed from Washington, with the Merchants Association cachet.

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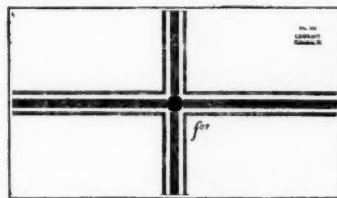
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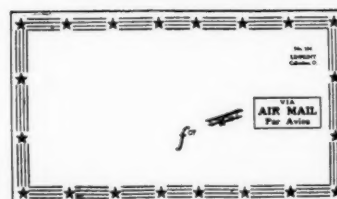
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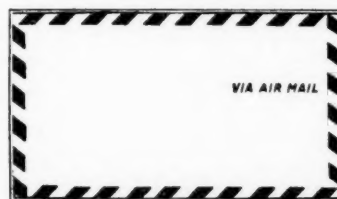
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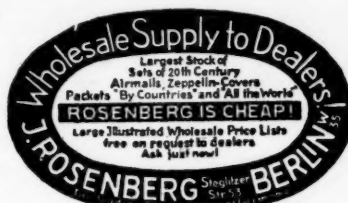
POSTAL REFORMS OF OTHER DAYS

About 1889 the postmaster of St. Louis, Mo., induced a local electric road to put on a street railway post office. Mail intended for delivery was taken out in the car, which passed the shipping door of the post office, was sorted in transit, and handed out at sub-stations on the 18 mile route, or handed direct to carriers. Similarly, matter intended for mailing was prepared inside the car on the inward trip for dispatch as soon as it reached the post office. This departure not only expedited the mail handled from three to five hours but lessened the number of carriers so that they could be released for extra collections.

A house letter box experiment was tried in St. Louis also which consisted of boxes for delivery and collection of letters with a disk which showed when the patrons had a letter for the carrier to take. A given carrier route was supplied with boxes and in three months it was shown that the carrier was able to collect mail from every box where mail had been deposited for collection and make his regular deliveries because formerly he had to lose a quarter of his time for people to answer doorbells, talk with people on topics of no consequence, or be delayed in other ways. Four times as many letters were collected than were formerly collected from the street letter boxes. This increase was partly attributable to the fact that many letters formerly written at home and dropped down town were left in the home letter box. Unquestionably the new facility caused more letters to be written because of the handiness of the box. This helped increase revenue. There was also an increase of stamps purchased through the carriers as it was customary to give the carrier an envelope with money in for the purchase of stamps who would return it less the two cents required for postage. They were afraid to drop such letters in the old street letter box for fear of others doing the same thing and make too great temptation for thieves to rob the boxes.

Other places used what was called a "check on liars" letter box. Many men especially layed the delay of letters to the P. O. Department. This box had a clock which was guaranteed to keep correct time and on back of the clock was a "check on liars" device which stamped where the letter was posted and time of day and year. The husband could not then blame the post office for delay when he carried his wife's letters around several days in his pocket.

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ONE-ARMED STAMP COLLECTOR

We have all heard of the one-armed paper hanger (with the itch) but a one-armed stamp collector is another novelty that has appeared in Detroit. Frank Smith liked cherries, he had heard about George Washington who became famous over a cherry tree story but all that Frank got was a broken arm. Frank lives at 11406 Morang Road, he saw a nice cluster of cherries near the top of a large tree and went after them, a limb broke and Frank landed on the ground with a broken limb.

Frank not only had to do without the cherries but he is going to have to do without swimming, baseball and a lot of other things that boys of his age love to do in the summer time. Frank is just 12 years old.

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CANADA STAMP TAX

Latest information from Canada in regard to increased postage rates is that the increase is in the form of a tax of one cent on each letter, this includes air mail letters also so that the air mail rate instead of being 5c is 5c plus 1c tax. This increase is in the form of a tax on the letter because while the rate for a single letter will hereafter be 6c, a letter of double weight which has formerly been 5c for the first ounce and 10c for each extra ounce will now carry a rate of 6c for the first ounce and 10c for each succeeding ounce.

On July 1, when the tax went into effect it is said that 25,000 letters went through the Toronto office with 2c postage only and that double tax was collected on these letters. At the same time many Toronto people placed 3c stamps on letters for local delivery whereas the rate for such letters remains as formerly, 2c per letter.

The Michigan Stamp Club 400th meeting held at Amherstburg, Ontario, on July 4 was commemorated by a cachet applied to envelopes and mailed from Amherstburg on that date.

Anyone knowing the present address of Reed Menzel, formerly of 1640 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill., please communicate with The Stamp House, 5 Franklin Gardens, Roxbury, Mass.

The first Hitch Hike Cachet on record comes from Bill Elliott of Findlay, Ohio. The cachet shows a picture of Bill hoofing it between rides and is worded "Two State—Two Nation Hitch Hiking Trip—Ohio—Mich.—U. S.—Canada. Bill expects to cover over 5000 miles on the trip. The cover at hand is with U. S. stamps cancelled at Findlay, Ohio, and with a Canadian stamp cancelled at Windsor.

Robert Richardson sends a first day cover from the U. S. S. Henderson, cancelled June 6, 1931.

Time is no more. June 30, the postoffice of Time, Texas, was closed. Robert Richardson sends a cover commemorating the passing of Time and the cancellation is certainly a neat looking one.

Another of those Photo on the envelope covers is at hand and we find they come from W. G. Crosby of Long Beach, Calif. This time it is the U. S. S. Texas, Flagship of the Pacific Fleet.

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